

REMARKS

With this Preliminary Amendment no Claims have been amended, added or canceled. Accordingly, Claims 1-52 are pending in the instant Application.

AMENDMENT OF THE SPECIFICATION

The amendments to the Specification at pages 1 and 42 correct an inadvertent error in the authorship of International Publication No. WO 00/31020. The amendment at page 18 corrects a minor typographical error. The amendment at page 19 corrects an inadvertent transposition in the serial number of Cundy *et al.*, United States Patent Application Serial No. 10/170,127, filed June 11, 2002. The amendment at page 54 inserts the serial number and the publication number of the co-pending referenced United States Patent Application.

No new matter is added by amendment of the Specification. Entry thereof into the instant Application is proper and therefore, kindly requested.

CONCLUSION

Applicants respectfully submit that all pending Claims of the captioned Application satisfy all requirements for patentability and are in condition for allowance. An early indication of the same is therefore respectfully requested.

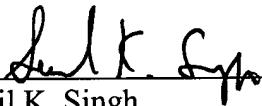
No fees are believed due in connection with this Preliminary Amendment. However, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any required fee not included with this Preliminary Amendment or credit any overpayment to Dorsey & Whitney LLP Deposit Account No. 50-2319. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed for such purpose.

If the Examiner determines that prosecution of the instant Application would benefit from a telephone interview, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at (415) 544-7062.

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